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## **NEWS**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION**

Friday, August 20, 2010

### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

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## **ANNUAL FAMILY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DAY, SEPT. 11, GLASGOW PARK**

After back-to-back blizzards in February and with threats of a heavy storm season ahead, state emergency management and public safety officials and responders are organizing a free event to help prepare the public for such storms and other disruptive events in Delaware.

As the state observes National Preparedness Month in September, New Castle County Emergency Operations Center hosts the Annual Family Emergency Preparedness Day, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, September 11. The free event is located in Glasgow Park, Route 896 and Route 40, Glasgow.

Joining New Castle County as sponsors are the Department of Safety and Homeland Security, Delaware Emergency Management Agency, Delaware Citizen Corps, and the American Red Cross of Delmarva.

The annual event is open to all and includes free food and refreshments, free training and door prizes, and a variety of activities for all ages. Family Emergency Preparedness Day features displays and demonstrations by state, regional and local emergency responders, emergency managers, law enforcement and other public and private groups.

Jake's Burgers will provide free hamburgers and hot dogs, and free water and drinks will be available throughout the day. Free treats from Rita's Water Ice will serve those with a sweet tooth.

The Delaware National Guard climbing wall will challenge those who are adventuresome. Participation in games and activities at different exhibits can earn useful and fun rewards for all ages. Materials and information on emergency preparedness for families will be available from a variety of exhibitors. Hand-outs and displays include information on emergency plans for all the family members, including pets.

Free training classes cover emergency plans for family preparedness and guidance on assembling an emergency supply kit to serve your family. A door prize of a basic emergency kit will be awarded in each training class.

For further information, call 222-6573 or 659-2243.

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**Attention media:** For additional information, contact Rosanne Pack, 222-6573; Marny McLee, 659-2243. Please include this event in community calendars and public service announcements.